TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS RESOLUTION 53-19

A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS, MARYLAND AUTHORIZING RETAINING SPECIAL LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING A PUBLIC NUISANCE MATTER THAT ADVERSELY AFFECTS THE TOWN

Introduced By: Mayor Habeeb-Ullah Muhammad

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 33-65 of the Charter of the Town of Forest Heights (the "Charter") the Mayor with the approval of the Council shall appoint a Town Attorney and the Town shall further have the power to employ such legal consultants as it deems necessary from time to time; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds that it is in the best interest of the Town to authorize the Mayor to jointly retain the professional services of three (3) law firms experienced in litigation to serve as counsel regarding opioid addiction, abuse and morbidity impacting the Town and to otherwise advise and provide legal counsel to the Town regarding a litigation matter pending in a Maryland State Court.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Council hereby approves and authorizes the Mayor, based on the recommendations of the Town Attorney, to retain the services of licensed attorneys and to otherwise execute a retainer agreement, under the contractual terms provided for in a retainer agreement entitled "Engagement to Represent" prepared by legal counsel and reviewed by the Town Attorney.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Mayor is hereby authorized to execute on behalf of the Town said retainer agreement;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect upon its passage.

APPROVED: By Resolution of the Town Council of The Town of Forest Heights, Maryland.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF FOREST HEIGHTS, MARYLAND

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Sherletta Hawkins, Town Clerk

Habeeb-Ullah Muhammad, Mayor

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Calvin Washington, Council President

CERTIFICATION

I, hereby certify, as the duly appointed Town Clerk of the Town of Forest Heights, Maryland, that on the <u>U</u>day of August 2019 with <u>Aye</u> votes and <u>N</u>ay vote the aforesaid Resolution 53-19 passed.

SIGNATURE ON FILE

Sherletta Hawkins, Town Clerk

Exhibit A (Confidential retainer agreement)